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SUBJECT: ISRAELI CONCERN ABOUT SECURITY COUNCIL WEST BANK DEBATE

REF: STATE 277328

1. EVRON SUMMONED DCM LATE NOVEMBER 11 TO EXPRESS ISRAELI CONCERN AT THE COURSE OF EVENTS IN REGARD TO THE CURRENT SECURITY COUNCIL WEST BANK DEBATE. HE SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON HAD SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT THESE POINTS BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY.

2. READING FROM TYPED NOTES, EVRON SAID THAT ALLON HAD BEEN "VERY DISAPPOINTED" WITH THE POINTS MADE BY ASST. SECRETARY ATHERTON, TO ISRAELI CHARGE BAR-ON (STATE 277328). ALLON HAD BEEN UNDER THE IMPRESSION FOLLOWING EARLIER REPORTS FROM AMBASSADOR DINITZ AND FROM OTHER CONTACTS IN THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE U.S. WOULD OPPOSE ANY ANTI-IRAELI STATEMENT WHICH BOTH ISRAEL AND THE US CONSIDERED MISCHIEVOUS AND HARMFUL.

3. FROM THE ISRAELI POINT OF VIEW, EVRON CONTINUED, THE
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BEST THING WOULD HAVE BEEN EITHER NO STATEMNT OR A

U.S. VETO. HOWEVER, FROM ATHERTON'S REMARKS AND FROM REPORTS THEY HAVE HAD FROM NEW YORK THERE SEEMS TO BE A POSSIBILITY THAT WITH A FEW MINOR CHANGES THE U.S. WOULD JOIN IN A CONSENSUS STATEMENT. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STRONGLY URGES THAT WE RECONSIDER: TO LEND EVEN TACIT U.S. SUPPORT TO ANY SUCH OUTCOME CAN ONLY ENCOURAGE THE EGYPTIANS AND OTHER ARABS TO ADOPT SIMILAR TACTICS IN THE FUTURE. SUCH AN OUTCOME IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD NOT ONLY HURT THE "PEACE MOMENTUM" BUT RATHER HAMPER IT. THE ISRAELIS CONSIDER THE DRAFT NOW BEING CIRCULATED IN NEW YORK TO BE "MUCH WORSE" THAN THE TEXT WHICH THE U.S. COULD NOT SUPPORT IN MAY. THE LEAST WE COULD DO IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, EVRON CONTINUED, IS TO DISSOCIATE OURSELVES FROM ANY CONSENSUS. HE THEN REPEATED THAT OUR JOINING IN SUCH A CONSENSUS WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL TO THE PROGRESS OF THE "PEACE INITIATIVE."

4. IN CONCLUSION, EVRON SAID THAT THERE CONCERN WITH RECENT EGYPTIAN ACTIVITIES WAS WELL KNOWN TO US. FOR THE U.S. TO BE SEEN TO ACCEPT OR CONDONE SUCH ACTIVITIES IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD HERE. HE THEREFORE ASKED THAT WE URGENTLY RECONSIDER OUR POSITION IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED STATEMENT.

5. DCM RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD, OF COURSE, IMMEDIATELY TRANSMIT EVRON'S REMARKS TO THE DEPARTMENT. EVRON SAID THAT HE APPRECIATED THAT THE EMBASSY COULD NOT GIVE HIM AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE BUT HE WOULD HOPE FOR FAVORABLE ACTION IN NEW YORK ALONG THE LINES THEY DESIRE.
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